<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-18, 21, and 22 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 2-4, 7-18, and 21 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. Certain claims have been further amended to facilitate examination. Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice for cost reasons. Favorable examination in light of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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